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SUBJECT: STAMP SCANDAL

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1. IN APRIL 2 MEETING WITH MINISTERS BRUTUS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND JEANTY (JUSTICE) I REVIEWED TERMS OF 1904 EXTRADITION TREATY AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO EXTRADITE LEROY AND MAXIMILIEN. I POINTED OUT EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN THAT MINIMUM OF TWO MONTHS REQUIRED UPON RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS TO EFFECT EXTRADITION IN US. HAITIANS WERE CLEARLY TAKEN ABACK BY PROCEDURAL COMPLEXITIES AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, FOR THEY HAD COUNTED ON EVIDENCE FROM BOTH ACCUSED TO CLINCH STAMP SCANDAL CASE DURING TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR LATTER HALF OF APRIL. HOWEVER, THEY CONCLUDED THAT TRIAL WOULD HAVE TO GO FORWARD PROMPTLY ON BASIS OF AVAILABLE EVIDENCE AND THAT IN MEANWHILE THEY WOULD SUBMIT NECESSARY EXTRADITION DOCUMENTATION RIGHT AWAY.

2. JEANTY ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ELICIT FROM STOLOW RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT SUPPLEMENT THE INFORMATION STOLOW HAS ALREADY PROVIDED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH JEANTY. JEANTY NOTED THAT SINCE STOLOW HAD OFFERED \$20,000

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BRIBE TO HAITIAN CONSUL IN NEW YORK TO "FORGET" THE CASE,

HE MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO SOME COOPERATIVE ACTION IF THIS WOULD HAVE A FAVORABLE EFFECT ON EVENTUAL INDICTMENT. I PROMISED TO TRANSMIT SUCH QUESTIONS TO DEPT. ALTHOUGH JEANTY HAS TAPED RECORD OF CONVERSATIONS WITH STOLOW, THESE ARE NOT REGARDED AS ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE IN HAITIAN COURTS AND A STATEMENT BY STOLOW HIMSELF WOULD MATERIALLY ASSIST PROSECUTION, PARTICULARLY IF LEROY AND MAXIMILIEN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR TRIAL.

3. I TOLD HAITIANS THAT I WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM AGAIN WHEN USSS AND USPS HAD COMPLETED THEIR ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED. IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED COUNTERFEITING OF STOLOW AND GROUP IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTION INVOLVED NOT ONLY THE ISSUANCE OF UNAUTHORIZED HAITIAN STAMPS BUT ALSO COPYING THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL "LE MONITEUR," USING PHOTO OFFSET PROCESS NOT AVAILABLE IN HAITI.

4. I REITERATED THE DEPT'S WILLINGNESS TO DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO SEE THAT THIS CASE IS PROPERLY INVESTIGATED IN THE US, POINTED OUT THAT SUCH MATTERS ALWAYS INVOLVE MUTUAL COOPERATION, AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT OUR REQUESTS FOR HAITIAN COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATING A SERIOUS VISA FRAUD CASE LAST FALL HAD NEVER ELICITED EFFECTIVE GOH ACTION. BRUTUS GOT THE MESSAGE AND PROMISED TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH INTERIOR MINISTER BLANCHET.
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